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Summary

This note contains information on the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Albania, Bangladesh, Cape Verde, Chad, Ghana, Guyana, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritania, Seychelles, South Africa, Ukraine and Viet Nam and the six-month extension of the country programme for the United Republic of Tanzania; the first two-year extensions of the country programmes for Namibia, Nepal and Sierra Leone; and the second one-year extension of the country programme for Zimbabwe. The requests for second one-year extensions and two-year extensions of country programmes are submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

Elements of a decision

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the first extension of the country programmes for Albania, Bangladesh, Cape Verde, Chad, Ghana, Guyana, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritania, Seychelles, South Africa, Ukraine and Viet Nam for a period of one year, from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011, as reported in table 1. The Executive Board may further wish to take note of the six-month extension of the country programme for the United Republic of Tanzania, from 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2011.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the second one-year extension of the country programme for Zimbabwe, from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011; and the first two-year extension of the country programmes for Namibia, Nepal and Sierra Leone, from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2012, as presented in table 2.

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Annex

Table 1. Extensions of country programmes approved by the Administrator since January 2010

Country	Original CCF period	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Reason and explanation		
			United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Implementation and/or other issues
Albania	2006-2010	2011			The government of Albania asked the United Nations agencies to extend the programmes for one year to allow more time to implement the 'One UN' Programme 2007-2010, which gained momentum a year after Albania became a One UN pilot in 2007.
Bangladesh	2006-2010	2011	The government of Bangladesh has requested an extension of UNDAF and the UNDP programme for one year to coincide with its Joint Cooperation Strategy with development partners, expected to be launched mid-2010.		
Cape Verde	2006-2010	2011	The government of Cape Verde requested an extension of its country programme to align the United Nations programming cycle with the national PRSP, previously set for 2008-2011. This will enable harmonization of the UNDAF cycle 2006-2010 with the Delivering as One cycle 2008-2011.		
Chad	2006-2010	2011			The government of Chad requested an extension of the UNDAF period so that the last year of the UNDAF would coincide with the revised MDG-based national strategy for poverty reduction 2008-2011.
Ghana	2006-2010	2011		The UNCT and the government of Ghana agreed to extend the UNDAF for one year to fully align United Nations support with the new national framework following the 2008/2009 elections.	
Guyana	2006-2010	2011	The government of Guyana requested extensions of country programmes to harmonize the cycles of UNDP, UNICEF and UNFPA with the national strategies from 2012 to 2016.		

Kyrgyzstan	2005-2010	2011			The government of Kyrgyzstan has requested an extension of its programme to synchronize with its Country Development Strategy, which was extended until the end of 2011.
Mauritania	2009-2010	2011		The government of Mauritania has requested an extension of the UNDAF 2009-2010 to 2011 to give it enough time to plan for the next harmonized cycle, 2012-2016.	
Seychelles	2007-2010	2011			The government of Seychelles requested an extension of its programme to allow for incorporation of its new priority areas, mitigate the effects of the reforms and implement the 2009 Assessment for Development Results recommendations before starting a new cycle.
South Africa	2007-2010	2011			The government of South Africa has requested a one-year extension of its country programme to coincide with an extended UNDAF resulting from recommendations of the report by the United Nations Evaluation Group.
Ukraine	2006-2010	2011			The government of Ukraine has requested an extension of its programme for one year to allow for development of its UNDAF in close consultation with its partners.
United Republic of Tanzania		2011			The government of the United Republic of Tanzania will be embarking on a new national development framework in July 2011 and has asked the UNCT to align the UNDAF and related country programming instruments to the national planning and budget cycle. This implies a six-month extension of the current country programme and a switch of the country programme cycle from January-December to July-June.
Viet Nam	2006-2010	2011	The government of Viet Nam and its partners agreed to extend the One UN Plan for one year to synchronize the UNDP programming cycle, which is a prerequisite for United Nations reform, and also to draw on the content of the Socio Economic Development Plan 2011-2015, currently being developed.		

Table 2. Extensions of country programmes for which Executive Board approval is sought

Country	Years covered by original CCF	Year(s) covered by extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension		Reason and explanation		
				1st one-year	Two-year	United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Other
Namibia	[illegible]-2010	-	-	-	2010-2012	The government of Namibia has requested an extension of its programme for two years to align its National Development Plan III with the United Nations Delivering as One instruments from 2013-2018		
Nepal		-	-	-	2010-2012		The government of Nepal has requested an extension of its programme for two years to allow for the launch of new governing instruments, as the planning cycle of the government has changed since the interim government took office	
Sierra Leone	[illegible]-2010	-	-	-	2010-2012			The government of Sierra Leone has requested an extension of its programme for two years to harmonize its PRSP II and the UNCT Joint Vision, which runs through 2012
Zimbabwe	[illegible]-2009	-	-	2011	-	The government of Zimbabwe and its development partners have agreed to extend programmes for one more year to harmonize with the current UNDAF cycle, 2007-2011		

CCF = country cooperation framework
MDG = Millennium Development Goals
PRSP = Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper
UNCT = United Nations Country Team
UNDAF = United Nations Development Assistance Framework
UNDP = United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA = United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF = United Nations Children's Fund